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1. In Basin I of the harbor of TALLINN in the Suda-Remont Ship Repair Yard five boats under repair were observed during September and October, 1948. They resembled stream-lined speedboats (E-boats) and were built of steel.

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a. The dimensions were:

Length, about 60 feet; beam of deck, 13 feet; height from keel to bridge, 16 1/2 to 20 feet; Height of bridge, about 6 1/2 feet. Aft of bridge a steel mast with a yard, about 16 feet high. On poop a small mast. Between the two masts and about 16 feet long.

b. Armament: A 20 mm twin machine gun was observed aft of the main mast.

c. Two screw propellers. Diesel engines.

d. The same type of vessel had been seen earlier on the slips of Moskvoy Zavod.

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2. In the same harbor basin several units of another type boat were seen. Compared with the type described under para 1, these boats appeared rather clumsy. They were built of wood.

a. They had the following dimensions:

Length, about 66 feet; beam of deck, 16 1/2 feet to 19 feet; height from keel to conning tower, about 20 feet. Bridge with conning tower in middle part of boat. Aft of it a steel mast, about 20 feet high, with a yard.

b. Almost straight stem. Straight stern. One screw propeller.

c. Armament:

One gun, caliber about 60 mm, behind protecting shield on the fore-deck.

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3. In February 1949 when on a south-bound train [] a freight train which overtook the PW-train at several railroad stations on the way from TALLINN to KIEV. The freight train carried 20 boats of the type described under para 1. Some of the P/s had loaded the boats in TALLINN two days before, after the engine plants of the boats had been overhauled.

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The boat mentioned under paras 1 and 3 was obviously of the small speedboat (E-boat) type or, as no torpedo armament was observed, a motor mine sweeper. The train was probably bound for the Black Sea-NIKOLAYEV. The type in para 2 is presumably a patrol vessel and, due to her wooden hull, is comparatively insensitive to magnetic mines.

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